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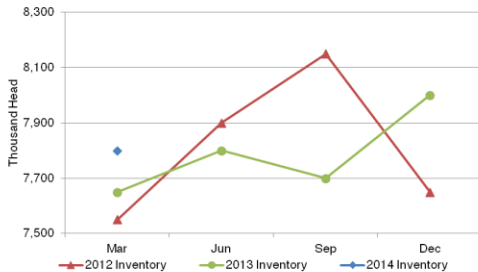
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On March 1, 2014 there were 7.80 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms according to the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Hogs and Pigs report. The March 1 inventory was down 3 percent from December 2013 but up 2 percent from a year ago.

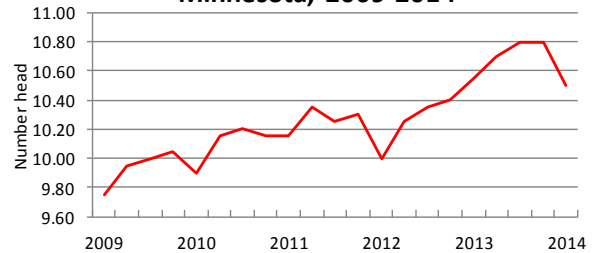
The December 2013-February 2014 pig crop was 3.05 million head. A total of 290,000 sows farrowed, down 3 percent from the previous quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.5 for the December-February period, down from 10.8 the previous quarter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 285,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2014 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2014 period are estimated at 290,000 as of March 1, 2014.

Quarterly Total Hog Inventory,
Minnesota, 2012 - 2014



Quarterly Litter Rate,
Minnesota, 2009-2014



Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2013-2014 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	490	500	102	4,110	3,850	94	4,600	4,350	95
Iowa	1,020	1,010	99	19,080	18,790	98	20,100	19,800	99
Minnesota	570	550	96	7,080	7,250	102	7,650	7,800	102
Missouri	340	355	104	2,410	2,095	87	2,750	2,450	89
Nebraska	390	400	103	2,610	2,650	102	3,000	3,050	102
North Carolina	870	870	100	7,830	7,130	91	8,700	8,000	92
United States	5,836	5,851	100	59,236	57,048	96	65,072	62,899	97

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2013-2014 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,290	1,170	1,220	1,100	810	810	790	770
Iowa	4,990	4,720	5,800	5,830	4,900	4,950	3,390	3,290
Minnesota	2,370	2,660	2,060	2,030	1,600	1,480	1,050	1,080
Missouri	1,050	970	535	435	415	320	410	370
Nebraska	860	850	740	750	580	545	430	505
North Carolina	3,000	2,700	1,880	1,680	1,620	1,600	1,330	1,150
United States	18,852	18,101	16,251	15,717	13,169	12,793	10,965	10,436

United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2014 was 62.9 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2013, and down 5 percent from December 1, 2013.

Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 57.0 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, and down 5 percent from last quarter.

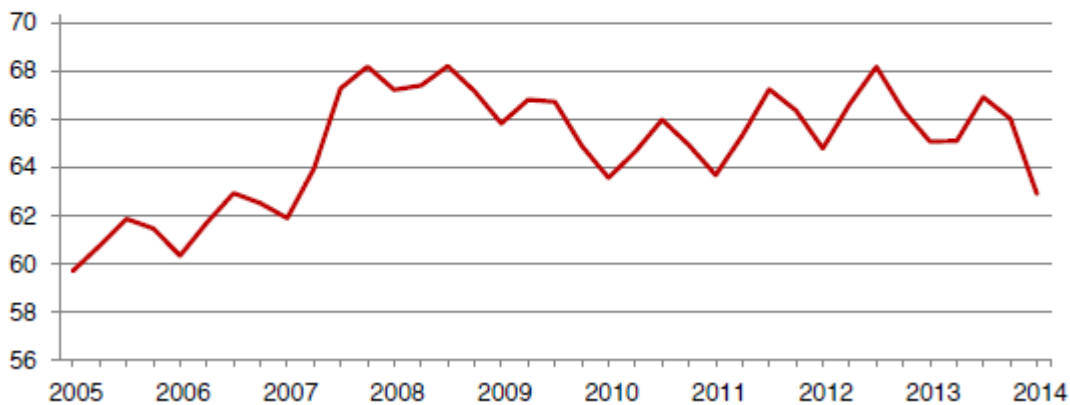
The December 2013-February 2014 pig crop, at 27.3 million head, was down 3 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 3 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.53 for the December-February period, compared to 10.08 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the March-May 2014 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2013, but down 2 percent from 2012. Intended farrowings for June-August 2014, at 2.96 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2013, and up 1 percent from 2012.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 48 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 47 percent last year.

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: March 1

Million head



The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.